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ANSWER CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

2672 Task Orders \$3.79 B Funded Sales \$7.80 B Estimated Value

MILLENNIA CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

103 Task Orders \$4.10 B Funded Sales \$8.49 B Estimated Value

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GSA Issues Draft RFP for Alliant

Monti Jaggers

The General Services Administration released the draft request for proposals for the Alliant and Alliant small business governmentwide acquisition contracts (GWACs) on March 31, 2005. Comments on the draft RFPs are due by June 3. The Alliant full and open contract is a 10-year, \$50 billion procurement for IT services. The separate Alliant Small Business contract is a 10-year, \$15 billion procurement specifically for small IT contractors. GSA plans to award up to 20 Alliant full and open contracts and up to 40 Alliant small-business contracts.

Pre-Solicitation conferences were held in Washington DC on April 18 and in San Diego, CA on April 26, 2005. The answers to questions from the pre-solicitation conferences are being posted to the Alliant website. Any changes to the solicitations will be noted in a Changes Document and also posted to the Alliant website. Final solicitations for both Alliant contracts are scheduled to be released in July 2005 and contract awards are planned in June 2006.

The Alliant GWACs will replace the Millennia and ANSWER contract vehicles. Alliant small business vendors will provide operation and maintenance and systems engineering services, while Alliant vendors will provide a comprehensive scope of IT services.

The business case for the two Alliant contracts is currently under review at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

GSA's Enterprise GWAC Center in San Diego manages the Alliant procurement. The Small Business GWAC Center in Kansas City, MO, manages the Small Business procurement. On-line information is available at http://www.gsa.gov/alliant and http://www.gsa.gov/sbgwac.

ANSWER and Millennia Task Order Reminder Monti Jaggers

The Alliant GWAC, which is scheduled for award in mid-2006, will replace the ANSWER and Millennia GWAC vehicles. Placement of new task orders under ANSWER and Millennia will end three months after Alliant is awarded. The period of performance of task orders under the ANSWER and Millennia contracts is five years. To effect these changes, the ANSWER and Millennia GWACs have been modified to include the requirement that all new task orders issued must be completed within five years of task order award. In addition, new task orders under the ANSWER and Millennia GWACs may be issued up to three months after availability of the Alliant for orders.

Tony Ojeda and Daniel Vidal Join the Enterprise GWAC CenterAnjanette Magante

On April 18th, the EGC welcomed Louis Antonio Ojeda, who joins our team as a Contract Specialist. Tony's previous experience includes eight years with Air Force Intelligence. Tony received his Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland, and is currently taking courses at UCSD to receive a certificate in Project Management.

On May 2nd, the EGC also welcomed Contracting Officer Daniel Vidal. Dan retired from the Air Force after serving 20+ years. He spent 15 years working in Supply Logistics, and focused his last five years on Contracting. Dan has experience in Commodities, Services, and Construction contracts. Before joining GSA, he worked for Booz Allen Hamilton as a consultant.

Both Tony and Dan will be working with Paul Martin on the Alliant Contract. Welcome aboard!





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New Subcontract Reporting System Under DevelopmentMonti Jaggers

The Electronic Subcontractor Reporting System (ESRS), now under development under the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) e-government initiative, will provide increased visibility needed to determine if federal subcontracting goals are being met.

GSA awarded the contract to develop and implement the new subcontractor reporting system to the Symplicity Corp. of Arlington, VA. The system's full capability is expected to be in place by the end of September. Training will be provided to agency and contractor procurement workers before implementation of the new system. An ESRS Web site with answers to frequently asked questions is also planned.

H.R. 2067, the Acquisition System Improvement Act, (ASIA) Monti Jaggers

The Acquisition Services Improvement Act, HR 2067 is the follow-on to the Services Acquisition Reform Act. ASIA was introduced last year, but most of its provisions failed to pass Congress. The proposed new version of ASIA (H.R. 2067) continues congressional efforts to modernize the federal government's acquisition system through legislation.

Among other provisions, the bill would create an Acquisition Professional Exchange Program, where federal and industry acquisition professionals can temporarily trade places to learn about each other's working environments. It also would expand the use of share-in-savings initiatives in which contractors are paid based on how much money their projects save for agencies. In addition, the proposed legislation provides statutory authority for the agency-level acquisition protest process and amends the government-wide acquisition regulations to require the maximum use of innovative commercially available online procurement services.

ASIA also extends a deadline for a report of the Statutory and Regulatory Advisory Panel, provides that the government's Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) be mandatory for all negotiated contracts exceeding \$550,000, enables the GSA Administrator to allow state and local governments to use GSA s Federal Supply Schedules, provides uniform standards for contract financing, and consolidates the various agency boards of contract appeals.

H.R. 2066, the General Services Administration Modernization Act Monti Jaggers

The House Government Reform Committee recently passed by unanimous voice vote the GSA Modernization Act, HR 2066. The proposed GSA bill would create a new Federal Acquisition Service, which would combine the existing Federal Supply Service and Federal Technology Service. This would allow GSA to offer customer agencies goods, services, and information technology together in a single acquisition, for the first time. The legislation now moves to the full House for a vote.

The proposed legislation combines the IT and General funds into a Acquisition Services Fund, provides for greater oversight of the agency's regional operations and authorizes the GSA Administrator to appoint up to five "Regional Executives" for the Federal Acquisition Service.

In addition, the legislation would let agencies give retention bonuses up to 50 percent of the employee's salary if the agency head considers the person unusually highly skilled or uniquely qualified and the person would otherwise leave the federal government or transfer to another agency. The legislation would also provide reemployment relief aimed at maintaining the strength and experience of the federal government's civilian acquisition workforce, allowing an individual receiving a Civil Service Annuity who becomes reemployed in an acquisition-related position to retain his or her annuity.

April/May Events

Date: April 18, 2005 Location: Washington, DC Event: Alliant Pre-Solicitation

Conference

Date: April 26, 2005 Location: San Diego, CA Event: Alliant Pre-Solicitation

Conference

Date: April 26-28, 2005
Location: Fort Worth, TX
Event: Solutions Edu Training –
"Evaluating a Contractor's
Performance Under GWACs"

Date: Week of May 2-6, 2005 Location: San Diego, CA Event: ANSWER & Millennia Past Performance Debriefs

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